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BECKER <i>et al.</i>)	Examiner: Lacourciere, K.
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Serial No. 09/808,558)	Atty. Docket No. GP068-05.CN3
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Filed: March 14, 2001)	Confirmation No. 3920
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Title: MODIFIED OLIGONUCLEOTIDES)		Date: August 2, 2003
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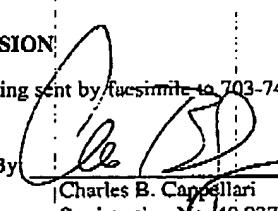
Dear Examiner Lacourciere:

In anticipation of our interview scheduled for August 5, 2003 at 10:00 A.M., please find attached a completed Form PTOL-413A.

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Date: August 2, 2003

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Application No.: 09/ 808,558 First Named Applicant: Michael M. Becker
 Examiner: Karen A. Lacourciere Art Unit: 1635 Status of Application: Pending

Tentative Participants:

(1) Karen A. Lacourciere (2) Michael M. Becker
 (3) Charles B. Cappellari (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: 8/5/03 Proposed Time: 10:00 A.M (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) [] Telephonic (2) [X] Personal (3) [] Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: [] YES [X] NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc) All	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art Cited References	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rejections</u>	<u>422</u>	<u>_____</u>	[]	[]	[]
(2) _____	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]
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Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

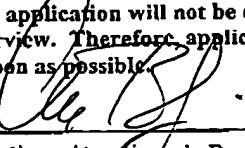
Discussion will focus on patentability of claimed invention over Azhayeva et al.
and Lubini et al.

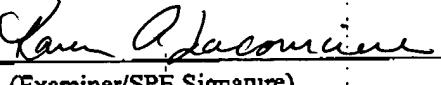
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 (Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)


 (Examiner/SPE Signature)

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